(d) if so, the facts thereof and steps Government propose to take to check such financial mismanagement in BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. BSNL has not failed to return the Government Loan of Rs. 7500 crores. Since 2004-05 BSNL has made a total payment of Rs. 7906 crore till date in four instalments of Rs. 2000 crores, Rs. 2500 crores, Rs. 3000 crores and Rs. 406 crores during 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively that has been adjusted, in accordance with Ministry of Finance directions, as below:

(Rs. in crores)

Principal	Interest	Total
4702.20	3203.80	7906.00

The principal amount outstanding as on date is only Rs. 2797.80 crore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Telecommunication facilities in U.P. and Bihar

3092. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of telecommunication facilities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) the steps that are proposed to strengthen the telecommunication facilities in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Sir, the present status of telecommunications facilities of BSNL in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar as on 31.10.2009 are given below:

Sl. No.	Telecommunication facilities	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
1	2	3	4
1	GSM Mobile phones	83,98,298	20,80,481
2	WLL Phones	6,00,096	2,51,435
3	Landline Phones	23,99,296	960467
4	VPT	97,704	37,933
5	Broadband Connection	2,98,155	46,125
6	Internet Connection	2,88,895	48,479
7	Number of PCO		
	(i) Local	15,368	16,820

1	2	3	4
	(ii) STD	1,43,085	48,426
	(iii) Highway	7,881	625
8.	No. of Blocks covered with Internet Dhaba	310	124

(b) The following steps are proposed to strengthen the telecommunications facilities of BSNL:-

(i) It is proposed to add 26.08 lakh GSM Mobile capacity, 2.10 lakh Broadband capacity in Uttar Pradesh and 11.74 lakh GSM mobile capacity, 0.60 lakh Broadband capacity in Bihar during 2009-10.

(ii) BSNL plans to cover villages having population more than 1000 by mobile services progressively in next three years.

(iii) Remote and far-flung areas, which are not possible to be covered with terrestrial technology, are planned to be covered with Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs).

Usage of IT in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

3093. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of COMMINICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of propagation and usage of information technology in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) the steps that proposed to further strengthen and disseminate the information technology in the two States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) and (b) The Government is promoting usage of Information Technology in the States for better Governance and delivery of services to the citizens electronically. National e-Governance Plan envisages better, efficient, transparent and electronic delivery of G2G, G2C and G2B services. The details of major e-governance projects in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are given in the Statement (see below). Moreover, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has created 51 Software Technology Parks for promoting IT across the country. 4 STPI Centres have also been established in Uttar Pradesh and one Centre in Bihar.

Statement

The details of major e-governance projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

Common Service Centre (CSCs) - Project

In the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar 17,909 and 8463 no. of CSCs respectively are to be set up. Till November end about 5000 CSCs in UP and about 5500 CSCs in Bihar have been set up.